Hubbard House

1109 1st Avenue South Nashville

Dr. George W. Hubbard came to the South from New Hampshire during the Civil War. In 1876 he was appointed by the Freedman's Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church to organize a medical department at Central Tennessee College to train African Americans in the fields of medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, and nursing. The medical college remained largely separate from the rest of the college and received its own charter in 1915, establishing itself officially as Meharry Medical College. Meharry was the first medical school in the South established for the education of black physicians.

The Hubbard House was built for Hubbard upon his retirement as president of Meharry in 1921 and was financed by the trustees and alumni. Meharry alumni made up more than half of the black physicians, dentist, and pharmacists in the South during Hubbard's tenure at the school. In 1931 the college was relocated to a new modern plant in northwest Nashville. The Hubbard House is the last remaining building of the original campus and stands as a monument to Dr. Hubbard's efforts and the accomplishments of the students of Meharry. (See also Capers CME Church, Carnegie Library, and Morris Memorial Building.) [McKissack and McKissack Buildings TR (AD), B 8/14/73, 73001760]